



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 486**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 914

*Senate, April 15, 2013*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF THE USE OF PESTICIDES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to examine information concerning medically accepted principles
- 3 regarding the health effects of the use of pesticides, including any age
- 4 dependent effects. Such examination shall include, but not be limited
- 5 to: (1) The review of peer-reviewed studies, journals, articles, digests
- 6 and similar literature concerning possible pesticide-based origins for
- 7 human diseases and chronic ailments, including, but not limited to,
- 8 asthma, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism, cancer,
- 9 diabetes and neurodegenerative conditions; (2) the development of a
- 10 readily understandable model and written explanation of the typical
- 11 chemical and geological processes that occur when pesticides are
- 12 applied on school grounds, municipal parks and residential properties
- 13 in Connecticut; and (3) the acquisition of reliable and up-to-date
- 14 information concerning the median frequency of pesticide applications

15 at schools in Connecticut, the customary methods employed for such  
16 applications, the type of pesticides used in such applications and the  
17 general reasons for such applications.

18 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) The Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Quality at the  
20 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

21 (2) The director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station,  
22 or the director's designee;

23 (3) One appointed by the president of the Connecticut Academy of  
24 Science and Engineering;

25 (4) One appointed by the director of the Center for Integrative  
26 Geosciences at The University of Connecticut;

27 (5) One appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, who shall  
28 have considerable experience and expertise in the field of  
29 epidemiology;

30 (6) One appointed by the director of the Connecticut Controlled  
31 Substances and Toxicology Laboratory, who shall have considerable  
32 experience and expertise in the field of chemical toxics; and

33 (7) One appointed by the president of the Connecticut State Medical  
34 Society, who shall have considerable experience and expertise in the  
35 field of endocrinology.

36 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
38 filled by the appointing authority, as applicable.

39 (d) The members of the task force shall select the chairpersons of the  
40 task force, from among the members of the task force. Such  
41 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which  
42 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
43 section.

44 (e) The administrative and legal staff of the joint standing committee  
45 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
46 environment shall serve as administrative and legal staff of the task  
47 force.

48 (f) Not later than February 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a  
49 report on its examination to the joint standing committees of the  
50 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
51 environment, planning and development, children and education, in  
52 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
53 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
54 February 1, 2014, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**ENV** Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Legislative Mgmt.; Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 14 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

**The Out Years**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as the task force terminates in FY 14.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/27/2013)